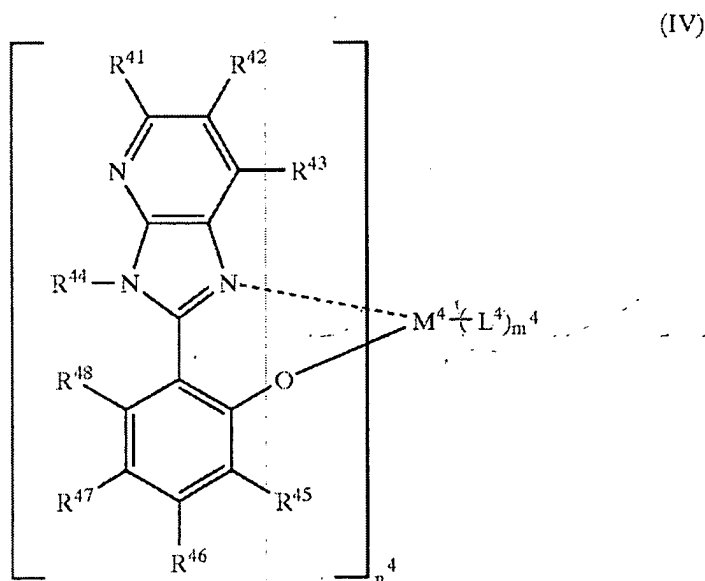


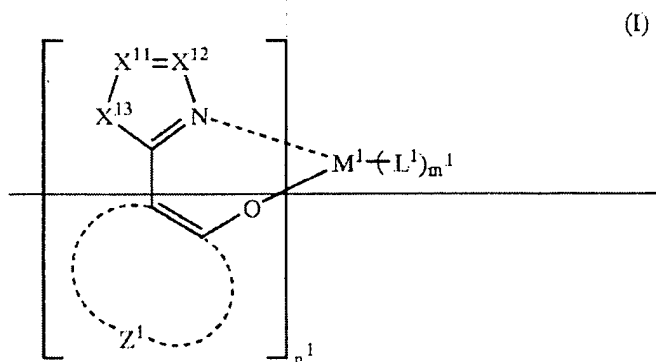
# AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An organic electroluminescent device comprising:  
 a pair of electrode; and

at least one organic layer between the pair of electrode, the at least one organic layer including a luminescent layer, wherein the luminescent layer contains at least one phosphorescent material and at least one compound represented by the formula (IV) [(I)]:



wherein  $R^{41}$ ,  $R^{42}$ , and  $R^{43}$  each represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group;  $R^{44}$  represents an alkyl group, an aryl group or an aromatic heterocyclic group;  $R^{45}$ ,  $R^{46}$ ,  $R^{47}$ , and  $R^{48}$  each represents a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group, a fluoro group or a perfluoro-substituted alkyl group;  $M^4$  represents a divalent or trivalent metal ion;  $n^4$  represents an integer of from 1 to 3;  $L^4$  represents an alkoxy ion, an aryloxy ion or a silyloxy group; and  $m^4$  represents an integer of from 0 to 2



wherein  $X^{11}$  represents a nitrogen atom or  $C-R^{11}$ ;  $X^{12}$  represents a nitrogen atom or  $C-R^{12}$ ;  $R^{11}$  and  $R^{12}$  each represents an aryl group or an atomic group necessary for forming a heterocycle upon connection between  $R^{11}$  and  $R^{12}$ ;  $X^{13}$  represents an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom,  $C(R^{13})R^{14}$ , or  $NR^{15}$ ;  $R^{13}$  and  $R^{14}$  each represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group;  $R^{15}$  represents an alkyl group, an aryl group or an aromatic heterocyclic group;  $Z^1$  represents an atomic group necessary for forming a 5 membered or 6 membered ring;  $M^1$  represents a divalent or trivalent metal ion;  $n^+$  represents an integer of 1 or more;  $L^1$  represents an alkoxy ion, an aryloxy ion or a silyloxy group; and  $m^+$  represents an integer of 0 or more.

2. (Currently Amended) The organic electroluminescent device of claim 1, wherein a content of the compound of the formula (IV) [(I)] is from 50% to 99.9% by weight in the luminescent layer.

3. (Currently Amended) The organic electroluminescent device of claim 1, wherein a content of the compound of the formula (IV) [(I)] is from 60% to 99% by weight in the luminescent layer.

4-10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) The organic electroluminescent device of claim 1 [(6)], wherein  $M^4$  represents  $Be^{2+}$ ,  $Mg^{2+}$ ,  $Al^{3+}$ ,  $Zn^{2+}$ ,  $Ga^{3+}$  or  $Cu^{2+}$  and  $L^4$  represents an aryloxy ion or a silyloxy group.